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Boston, August 23. 1838.

Dear Sin; Your very allignery letter of the 15th. wist, in amount to my inquires which were Communicated to you though the kirdness of W. Sparks, - was received on Saturday lack. I beg you to accept my seven thanks for the intust which you manifest in the success of my project, and for the trubbe you have taken in my betalf. It has gire me gust pleasand to leave, from an authente Some, several intersting facts in relation to the history of the comage of the Muital States, about which I Could not satisfy mydf, even after feetty velensive enging. Tou do not inform me men, a in what manner, your wish me to receive and pay for the court which eler Du Dois is laying aside for me. In this matter I nish to consult you and his convenue. I vile take then in pouls as they are culticated, or nait until the collection is as many conflite as may be, as you pleased I have a find who weferts, shartly, to go to Phil? and I shall ask him to call at the mit, and water inging into this water. But if your Should nich the coins abusy Collected to be taken away unustables , he good enough to ading and on the subject, and I mile

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Very tuly. Gr. alligse Koss, dis. M. G. Steams.

R. M. Patterson Ey. . Mint of the M. S. -

The coin is probably a dismo of 1798

August 23, 1838

R. M. Patterson, Esq.
Director of the Mint of the United States

Sir,

Your very obliging letter of the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., in answer to my inquiries which were communicated to you through the kindness of Mr. Sparks, was received Saturday last. I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the interest which you manifest in the success of my project, and for the trouble you have taken in my behalf. It has given me great pleasure to learn, from an authentic source, several interesting facts in relation to the history of the coinage of the United States, about which I could not satisfy myself, even after pretty extensive inquiry.

You do not inform me when, or in what manner, you wish me to receive and pay for the coins which Mr. DuBois is laying aside for me. In this matter, I wish to consult your and his convenience. I will take them in parcels, as they are collected, or wait until the collection is as nearly complete as may be, as you please. I have a friend who departs, shortly, to go to Philadelphia and I shall ask him to call at the Mint, and make inquiry into this matter. But if you should wish the coins already collected to be taken away immediately, be good enough to advise me on the subject, and I will remit funds to you, in any form you may direct.

Do you know what is the device on the half dimes of 1792? If so, be good enough to tell me, in general terms, whenever you are inclined to write me again. The day before I received your letter, I picked up a small silver coins, much worn, about the size of a half dime, which I have thought, since I heard from you, might possible be one of the half dimes of '92. This, however, is mere conjecture. One side is worn almost smooth. On the other are seven arrows, tied together in the middle, crossing each other – both extremities being extended, so as to resemble, somewhat, two fans, joined together at the base. The only legible figure of the date is a "7," but whether this is the second or third figure of the date, I cannot tell. I have never seen the device on any foreign coin, tho' I have examined, at times, a great number.

W. G. Stearns Boston, Mass